

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 6, 8 and 11 were rejected in the Final Office Action. In response, claim 1 is being amended, claim 8 is being deleted and claims 2, 6 and 11 are unchanged. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 6 and 11 are pending in this Application.

Response to Rejection under 35 USC 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 6 and 11 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Machnikowski (4,024,832) in view of Bershad (2,096,354).

In response, Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate all limitations in claim 8. In the Final Office Action, the Examiner states that "Claim 8 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims." Therefore, claim 1, as amended, is allowable.


Claims 2, 6 and 11, which depend from claim 1, recite additional limitations. Therefore, they should be allowable for at least the reasons in connection with claim 1.

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In view of the forgoing, all pending claims are deemed in allowable condition.
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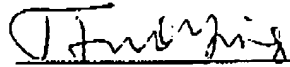
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